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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation and claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. Section 120 of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/375,819, filed August 16, 1999, now abandoned and which is incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

In another aspect, an apparatus for copying a source data object distributed over one or more source controllers to a destination data object distributed over one or more destination controllers includes: a source storage controller to control access to the source data object, the source storage controller adapted to take a snapshot version of each block in the source data ~~objection~~ object before updating the source data object block; and a replication manager to control multiple source storage device controllers, the replication manager enabling the one or more source controllers to take snapshots to provide a coherent copy of the destination data object.